

# DELETE RF and POLICY

## Nutrition/Health Volume Certification Section

### Risk Factor 503 (Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women) (2.04950)

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**POLICY:** A pregnant woman who meets WIC income eligibility standards but has not yet been evaluated for nutrition risk, can be served for a period of up to 60 days.

#### PROCEDURES:

- A. The 503 presumptive eligibility risk code is for instances when essential equipment or certifying staff is not on site to perform necessary bloodwork assessment for pregnant women. This code should be used only when absolutely necessary. The prenatal participant must meet WIC income eligibility standards to be presumptive eligible. The local agency must schedule the prenatal within 30 days for the health assessment. The LWP clerk must call the WIC State Office Help Desk for the Help Desk to add RF 503 to the participant's record.
- B. Place the woman on monthly food instrument issuance and schedule the health assessment for the following month.
- C. The health assessment must be completed not later than 30 days from the date the pregnant woman is certified for participation (service date). Ideally, the full health assessment should be completed at certification or at the earliest date possible thereafter. This will allow the WIC staff to enter new risk factors and initiate appropriate nutrition counseling, as well as make appropriate health care referrals, at the earliest opportunity. This information is also invaluable in developing an appropriate food package for the participant.
- D. If the participant has not received a health assessment within 60 days, she is no longer eligible until the health assessment is completed and a risk factor other than 503 is found.

Note: An infant born prior to the health assessment being conducted will qualify with risk factor 701 as a priority 2 if no other risks are found. Record the mother's risk condition during pregnancy in General Notes tab of the infant's MOWINS file.